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REMINISCENCES OF AN EX VICE-PRESIDENT EVENING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

It was in my third year at Sir George - late one evening there was a knock at the classroom door and in walked a personable type who identified himself as Hugh Upton.

He explained to the 12 or 15 persons present that he wanted a representative from our class to attend an electoral college meeting, whose function it would be to elect the officers for next year's Evening Students' Association. What he wanted was a volunteer. We all looked at each other - most of those present must have been in the Army as there was a dearth of takers.

It was 10 P.M. and long past my bedtime. It turned out I was the only one who didn't shake his head energetically in a sideways direction, in default of which I unanimously became the delegate from the class taking "Social Aspects of Enterprise".

In due course I was advised that all the delegates would attend two meetings on consecutive Saturdays in Auditorium 110 - the first when we would be informed of the procedures. The second which would be election day. I duly attended the first meeting, which consisted of 80 or 90 representatives from a total of over 300 classes. At least 200 had undertaken to be present, but were probably prevented by the good weekend weather.

After the meeting, all those present were invited to get together on the 7th floor to partake of refreshments "on the house", and get acquainted. As I am a sucker for pastries, at any price, I was only too glad to accept the invitation.

In the discussions that ensued someone asked me whether I intended to run for office. Startled, I replied "No". Actually, it hadn't even occurred to me and observing the frenzied politicking going on all around would on my own never have given it a thought.

First, I am no politician; second, I didn't know a soul there except for the face of Hugh Upton, dimly remembered through the fog of two weeks back. Third, how was I going to convince the electorate of my sterling qualities for whatever position?

While I was thus ruminating at the speed of 186,000 miles an hour, another young fellow approached me and said: "If you'll run for vice-president, I'll run for president". He apparently knew the ropes and was far from gawking, as I was. It turned out he had run for office the year before.

No doubt impressed by my grey thatch, he continued: "We need a man of experience and ability:. I didn't know whether to feel flattered or not - the experience bit was likely valid; the ability part I couldn't go into. I left the meeting in a non-committal frame of mind.

During the intervening week, perhaps to reinforce my ego, I spoke to the Dean of Students and put it to him: I was a simple fellow, really no politician, and did he not think the disparity in my age was a barrier? He apparently took me seriously, for he said: "By all means - you're just the type we need for the "Evening Students' Executive" - after all, there were only 10,000 students in question! However, I took his reaction to be a positive one and made up my mind to run for office.

On Election Day, a few less delegates were present and the proceedings were very businesslike. Nominations were open for nine positions - each candidate would have three minutes to outline his platform and would then be subject to questioning by the electorate.

In his further observations, the chairman let fall the remark that the incoming executive would have the opportunity of leaning on the outgoing president, in whatever manner necessary. At this I pricked up my ears. This alone was sufficient reason to get elected, as anyone who had seen the statuesque lady in question would agree.

I quickly obtained a blank nomination form, got an obliging neighbout to nominate me, and up went the form complete with vital statistics and two supporting signatures.

Soon I was called on to say my say - how to compress a gallon of experience and ability in a cupful of verbiage? I realized now I was no politician. I was even reticent on the promises, though my platform was ample. Luckily for me, the two other candidates for vice-president were even less convincing - ambition had o'er reached itself I could see.

We now retired discreetly to await the axe, making polite conversation. It turned out finally that I received more votes than any of the candidates for any of the positions - the delegates probably agreeing with the Dean of Students; that they didn't want a politician!

The year's efforts as Vice-President Co-Curricular, E.S.A, form another story altogether. As fortune willed it, there was no opportunity for any of us to indulge in the leaning process for some reason the lady in question had made herself scarce, most discreetly.

John Freeman

COMING

E.S.A.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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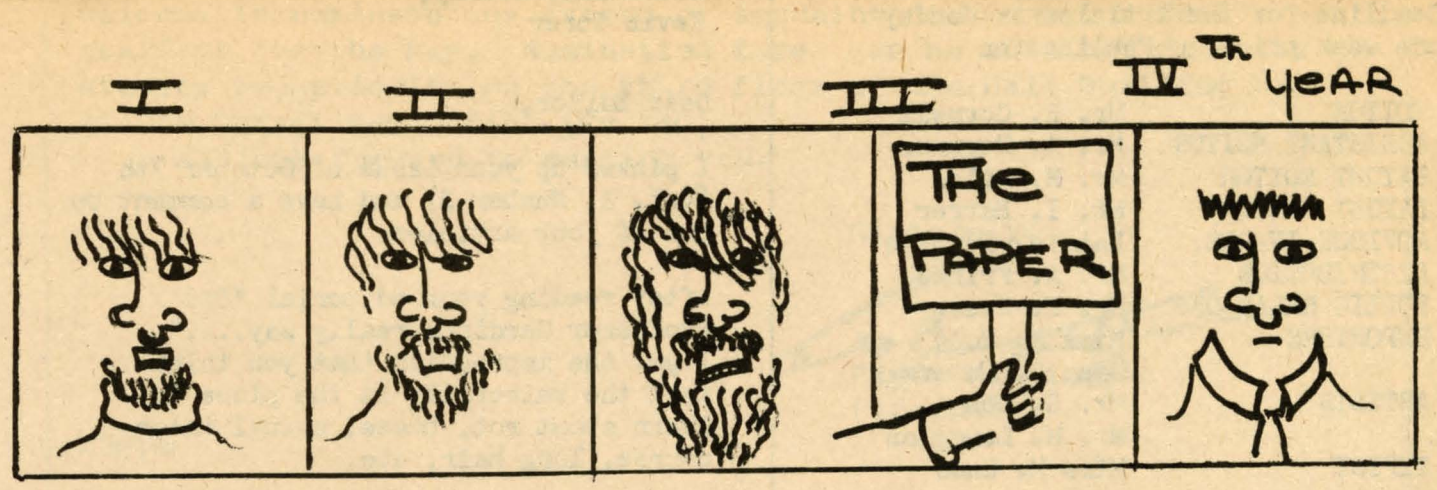

EDITORIAL

C.G.E.P. - Another scheme to extract money from the taxpayer as well as the unsuspecting student. The current educational revolution being waged by the CGEP students is the students desire to have the better educational system they were promised. What will the provincial government do about the current student unrest. Or will it be content to sit back and let the poor taxpayer suffer while, Mr. Bertrand sits back and laughs?

What do you intend to do Mr. Cardinal? Maybe after this is passed you might find that you are not wholly liked by the people of this glorious French province.

When do we as taxpayers get a fair say as to what educational system you should implement in this province, after all we do pay your wages. I wonder if you would like to do your present job without pay.

Like the students who have to sit and accept whatever garbage the government has to throw at them.

I say "Vive Quebec mais Viva Canada et la premiere education".

Dear Editor:

I read the article that exposed Professor Gardiner with great interest, for I am one of the "grey-haired ladies" mentioned. What really concerned me was not the disrespect shown towards myself and the many other refined people in the class, but rather the effect that the sickness and ignorance of these so-called professors will have on our innocent youth. I must state that I was amazed that the writer of the article accepted the statement that there was a "sex drive" without criticism. Misinformed statements such as this, presented as facts by pseudo-intellectuals like Dr. Gardiner to our pure young people are one of the main causes of todays problems. Anyone who has been properly brought up in a good home knows that this so called "drive" does not exist at all in normal people. It exists only in the morally degenerate type of person, of whom there are so many today. When these vulgar people tell our children that these so call "drives" are normal is it any wonder that before long they let their hair grow and drink and smoke "pot"?

What can concerned people do? I think that we should fight for the good old values. Whatever happened to censorship? If all teachers, newspapers, magazines etc. were censored they would not be able to spread their immoral thoughts. I think that there is too much freedom these days. When I was young people were shipped for public indecencies. I suppose this is not allowed today, but couldn't we give the police more power? People should be made to respect authority. Much of the problem is the fault of the parents. Many parents these days allow their daughters to go out unchaperoned, and some even stay out until ten or eleven at night. This sort of permissiveness leads to loose morals and degenerate behaviour. Instead of staying out late at night, young adults should be reading the Bible and other uplifting literature. (I would warn parents not to permit their children to read the Bible at too tender an age, as there are some questionable passages even in the Good Book.) Finally what about Sunday School? This great institution is too often neglected today. If everyone devoted their free time to refined thoughts, uplifting reading, good rousing hymns, Sunday School and a good cold shower every night many serious problems would be solved.

Signed Elizabeth Hinkle
Evening Student

Dear Editor:

I felt compelled to write how abhorred I was to find the Evening Student newspaper had degenerated to the level of such filthy tabloids as the Montreal Star, Gazette, Georgian, etc.... Do you think we morally uprighteous Day students, (who are not unwashed, pot smoking, long haired s_x maniacs), do you think we expected to find a morally shattering word, such as you printed about Dr. Gardiner, in your journal? Must all mass media degenerate to this sick, perverted level? I mean, really, are no moral bounds left for the public mind-imagine, using gutter dashes in a paper to be read by both s_x_s. And not only was that word present, but also s_x, b_t_h, wh_re, abr__st, and h_rl_t. Really, you can "tell it like it is" about some things, but obscenity is best left in the bathroom. And don't think you fool us with those dashes either!.The stork didn't mail us yesterday, you know!

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After all your filthy suggestiveness, you sink to lower depths by generalizing about Day students and professors. That is most irritating - such sensationalism is best left in the bathroom. I will have you know that I, and a good many others also, have never touched "pot" or unmarried women. As for "booze", I only take the odd belt when I have a cold. My hair is quite short and I shower, with Lava, twice a day. My professors, "profs" to you hippie writers, seem well bred and attaining to high standards of decorum. If you ask me, it isn't we who need cleaning up, but dirty-minded little boys like you, with your dashes and smutty innuendos. Dr. Gardiner probably learned his foul language from newspapers, such as yours, since they were around before he was.

A good night at St. Bruno, praying to our Holy Mother would guide you on the road to clean lucidity. It was most beneficial for me, I am sure She would not forsake you either.

Counseliatorially,
Kevin Toner

Dear Editor,

I picked up your issue of October 7th (Vol. 1, Number 2) and have a comment on one of your articles.

After reading your editorial "Did Professor Gardiner really say...." I get the impression that you think that the university is the place to learn about rot, booze, sexual intercourse, long hair, etc.

Well you are dead wrong!

Do you really think people who never go to college do not swear, drink or smoke? It is done both by students and non-students.

Do kids of 14 or 15 who drink or use pot really learn it at college. I doubt it since they are too young to be in college.

The people who wrote this article must th think that by treating these problems with a closed mind, they will cease to exist.

I wonder.

Leslie Lutsky
Evening Student

Dear Sir:

As an evening student I have observed, over the years,the constant complaints of both day and evening students over the low quality of food and services as offerred by our cafeteria.

I wish to put forward a concrete suggestion and hope that our good Mr. Don Mc Phie will act upon it immediately.

My suggestion is based upon the observation that cafeteria prices are geared to the pocket books of day students.As a working evening student and the majority of evening students fall into this class, I want to suggest that the cafeteria offer meals geared to the pocket books of evening students as well.By this I mean that the cafeteria offer me als which are more in keeping with the quality of those foods as are found in downtown cafeterias and charge accordin gly.

I look upon the cafeteria more as a means of convenience than as a means of making my dollars stretch and would not mind paying $ 1.5o or $2.oo toward a tasty,nourishing cafeteria style supper.

I am sure that a lot of evening students feel the same way and strongly suggest that our activist ESA take up this suggestion as a good cause to fight for.

Harold R. Fues
2nd Year Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I note that the evening students have not been consulted in the matter of CEGEPS. Well, well, gentlemen of the administration, don't you feel that you are being a bit phony in your attitudes; don't pay lip service to 11,000 students. CEGEPS concern us too.

Perhaps we feel that there is no place for CEGEPS in the Province of Quevec Anglo Saxon community. Do we really need half way houses?

And what of the little people coming out of high school? Do they need a comfortable half-way house, Mr. Cardinal? I don't want to pay more tax, Mr. Cardinal. Incidentally, did I elect you? Mr. Cardinal, I want to see the little people out at work. If they must, let them work, and study at night.

Signed,
A new Canadian.

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The Paper and Patrick.

The Paper interviewed its advisor in residence yesterday to get his comments on the scathing attack delivered upon him by The Georgian after Patrick's column on moral decadence infuriated just about every day and evening student on campus. Patrick regretted to say that he had no comment to make as he had ceased reading comic books a long time ago and The Georgian fell into this category.

The following is a partial transcript of the interview after our reporter handed Patrick a copy of The Georgian.

Pat: I should like to make the statement, and you can quote me, that I am glad to see the Georgian finally devote some space to a question of morality which concerns us all, right here at school, instead of silly diatribes questioning the morality of foreign nations waging distant wars. I have always questioned the validity of immoral men's moral judgements.

Int.: Please explain.

Pat : Two wrongs never make a right. The obscenity of carnal warfare, and believe me, war is the ultimate obscenity, is not a license to be obscene yourself. If you feel called upon to pass moral judgement on others, you should be above reproach yourself.

The Georgian and its ardent supporters have passed moral judgements on a host of other people, but by use of their putrid language and their indulgence in immoral and decadent practices have made these moral judgements invalid.

As a matter of fact, the Georgian said as much in this attack on me by stating (in print, mind you !) " that the majority of students indulge, or would like to indulge, in most or all of these practices.

I see now that I had been too generous in my column. I had only said a large minority of students, but since the Georgian says the majority, then we will take the Georgian's word for it. I think its reporters are quite close to the corruption on campus and therefore have a better feel for the number of students involved.

Int.: The Georgian states though, that since the majority of students indulge in this sort of thing, it does not prove that moral decadence is a bad thing, but that in fact it would seem to be the opposite.

What is your view on this?

Pat: Do I really have to answer this? If we were to carry this silly argument through to its silly conclusion then war would be a good thing since so many people either engage in it or make a living of it. To say that numbers make a certain action right is sheer mob psychology and I am sorry to say that I am disappointed at the low intellectuality of this argument.

Further, if I may make this observation, the writer stated in his attack that society should pay some attention to the criticism the universities are proffering by their massive rejection of " society's bankrupt" values. Since when have men in a sinking ship ever looked for help from ship wrecked men, casting about in the sea? What have the "adolescent leaders of tomorrow" to offer society except empty heads? Where are the CONCRETE proposals and plans of action which would put an end to war, hunger, racial discrimination, and the rampant crime rate?

Are the unwashed students and their hip professors really so naive to believe that by trampling on the last vestiges of human decency and self respect they will achieve where others have failed?

How responsible a leader will a university graduate turn out to be who had his brain damaged by " acid " and whose idea of responsibility is to take his pregnant girlfriend to an abortionist, pay half of the fee as his "dutiful share" and then disappear, never to be heard from again?

Int.: Where you, in your column, attacking a certain professor, the students, or the university?

Pat : I was attacking an international malaise of which that certain professor and the unwashed students here are just a small part.

I was attacking the perversion which is turning the university from an institute of higher learning into a breeding ground of sick ideas for loose living. I was attacking the very fact that instead of challenging the intellect the modern university cuddles the passion of men.

Let none of the students here forget that behind most of the horrible weapons of mass destruction which have appeared on the scene in the last 80 years, they can find university trained inventors, that the " bomb " was conceived by men with Ph.D. degrees, and that most of the corrupt politicians dominating the power structure, can point to impressive universities as their alma mater.

We ask the question: How can these men prostitute their intellect in such a debasing manner? For an answer you would only have to look at their background and you would find in all probability they went through the same sort of moral sensibility deadening debauchery that the unwashed offer as " salvation". Some salvation. I venture to bet that when to-days mentally unstable activist student becomes the mentally unstable leader of tomorrow, we all will be in real trouble.

As a matter of fact, the Georgian unwittingly put its finger on a very contentious issue when it said that " the universities are one of the most respected of society's institutions, and one to which society looks for guidance". The writer is so engrossed in navel gazing here, that it never occurred to him to ask the man in the street if this is so. Well-- it is not so. To-day, the university has sunk to such a low level of esteem in the eyes of Mr. Average that the coming revolution(and it will come !), may not be led by students against the establishment but by the proletarians against the intellectuals who have abused them by inventing machines which throw them out of work, by inciting wars (imperialism or revolution) in which they are used as cannon fodder, and by deriding them of their stupidity through constant snobbish reference to their low intellectual achievements.

The student is mistaken if he thinks the working man identifies with him. The average working man considers the university student part of that oppressive class which makes his hard learned skills obsolete years before his comfortable retirement, yet too many years after his capability of learning new skills has ceased. On top of that, the flagrant violations of what the working man considers decent, makes the working man reject the university student as a loathsome freak.

It is interesting and perhaps disturbing to note that the French and the Russian revolution had strong undertones of a rebellion ignited by proletarian disgust against the excessive moral decadence of the ruling class.

Int.: To sum up then. You feel that to-days university student will make no better leader than those who preceded him, because immoral men are not capable of moral decisions and acts, and that students, therefore, before they pass moral judgements on others, should become moral themselves.

Pat: Yes, exactly.
Int.: Will it sell?
Pat: Never !

Garnet Key Society,
Room 340
Hall Building
Sir George Williams University
October 17th, 1968.

Dear Students:

A few years ago, someone realized the need at Sir George for a body of responsible individuals to serve as official hosts and hostesses of the University. Such a group would, for example, greet and welcome visiting professors and lecturers to Sir George. They would also provide V.I.P. tours around the school, assist in the conferring of degrees at Graduation, officiate when student organizations held gala dances in downtown hotels. In fact, they would generally represent the university in an official capacity with all the pride that is attached.

As a result, the Garnet Key Society was formed and has been of invaluable assistance ever since.

Involvement in the Key allows the individual student to find his way into the backstage operation of the university, and to become an intregal part of that operation. Above all, here is the opportunity to work together with the university community, administration, faculty and students alike, toward the enhancement of Sir George. And new friendships abound.

It is an honor to be selected as a member of the Key and an honor to serve the academic community. So, we now want to tell you that nominations for the Garnet Key Society 1969-70 are open from Monday, October 21 until Friday, October 25, 1968. You are welcome to nominate any friend or acquaintance whom you feel qualfies for the Key. Nomination forms can be obtained from the student receptionist on the third floor of the Hall Building or at the Garnet Key Office (Rm 340).

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Roger Harrington
President.

RH/pb

WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE THINK!

GOT PROBLEMS ?

Write to: Patrick Burnsme,
Advisor-in-residence,
"THE PAPER".

Exclusive to T H E P A P E R !

DOWN WITH DECENCY!

We dedicate today's column to the fight against decency, honesty, virginity, and integrity because....

We distrust any man who disciplines himself and strives to achieve character, call anyone "freak" who believes in honesty, and are ready to crucify all those who doubt that moral excellence and responsible leadership can be brought about by debauchery....

We have nothing but contempt for a Louis Pasteur, a Madam Currie or even a Dr. Salk who spent a lifetime of hard, dedicated work in the singular search for a way to help suffering mankind without ever once going to a pot party or drawing inspiration from LSD....

We are incensed at the outrage of the world's greatest writers who toiled to give language meaning, who endeavoured to raise the human spirit, and dared to achieve all this without ever once using one single four letter word....
However,

We stand in awe of unwashed students who are politically well informed about the violated constitutions of are away nations, who fight duly appointed police officers with ink and abuse, and who would not lower themselves to help a blind man across the street.....

We support activists for premarital sex, birth control pills for single girls, and "therapeutic abortions" for unwed mothers, and are impressed by the sky-rocketing increase in infectious venereal disease which now claims an annual toll of 300,000 new cases of syphilis and 1,200,000 new cases of gonorrhea in the USA alone - with well over 50% of these cases among the ten to twenty-four year old group. (Yes, you read right, ten to twenty-four)

We cheer the modern movement for the abolishment of the old fashioned institution of marriage and family, the abandonment of children, the resultant disoriented personalities and the consequential accelerating crime rate which now outstrips the birthrate.

We are delighted at the bumper crop of rigid rightists, lascivious leftists, and other assorted meatheads, dough heads and no heads, produced in ever increasing numbers by wishy-washy universities.

We are thrilled to see these graduates enter politics, business, the military, the revolution, the counter-revolution, and in general carry on with more deadly weapons the stupid fights over warped idealogies which have become the students substitute for intellectual aggrandisement.

We further agree that university is no place for thinkers and that Sir George William's University in particular has not produced one original thought in years.

And to anyone else who got upset about my first column I say -- If the shoe fits - wear it!

WOMEN

THE FEMALE UNIVERSITY STUDENT.

Who is she? And to what extent does she participate in university life - what does she contribute? It was mentioned in the October 7th issue of "The Paper" that S.G.W.U. has "many young, separated or divorced women, with small children on their hands, among us". These "brave girls are putting up a heroic struggle to improve their earning power by coming here". And what, I ask, does this "heroic struggle to improve their earning power" consist of? The largest number of courses an evening student can take is three credits in the winter session. If the female student is a single working girl, she probably works a five-day, forty hour week as a secretary in a large manufacturing concern; and is just taking courses because her company is willing to repay her for gaining this "added Education". Or maybe she is a teacher who comes to S.G.W.U. to"absorb knowledge" - and yet is unwilling to give a little of her time to try to get to know her fellow students - in either instance, the four to six hours of lectures a week become a relative investment in the future. Not too significant to her, perhaps, but nonetheless, isn't she attempting to plan a little for the future by taking these courses? What is really important about university, and particularly the evening university of S.G.W.U., is the number of credits obtained. Or, could there be something more....

There are people. And people who think other people are pretty keen. And people who want to understand, to get to know others a little better and to share similar interests. And people who do something about it. Walk up to the office of the Evening Students' Association - Room 331 - and say YOU would like to be the one who participates

Let's face it - it doesn't really take up all THAT much time to attend evening university! Even if the evening student is a married woman, maybe with a family to take care of, chances are that she is being supported by her husband. She probably occupies herself with housework all day, but still feels the need for some form of intellectual stimulation. She could be in the process of completing her Degree, but more than likely she is just taking the courses to round out her status as an Accomplished Woman. She probably feels she could contribute something to the culture of the university, but doesn't quite know how to go about it. Formulate your ideas into words - make your contribution to S.G.W.U., and in particular in the Evening Students' Association, in the form of active rather than passive participation!

There are other types of female evening students - more difficult to catagorize simply because they are women. Women who are employed in a wide range of jobs, and who are all attending evening classes for as many different reasons as there are female students. The common factor remains the same however - they are women atten ing evening university.

Thus far, there has been an almost total apartheid on the part of the women students to join in and help build a strong Evening Students' Association. A little time, a lot of ideas, combined with an earnest desire to contribute something to university life - this is all it takes. We want YOu to participate.

This is not a comprehensive "Report on the Status of Women", nor is it a probing thesis on "School and the Single Girl". Instead it is a plea to those women who make that "heroic struggle" to attend university in the evenings - a plea for them to be concerned with what is going on in university life; a plea for them to be active in the Evening Students' Association; a plea for them to criticize and maybe to praise, but above all to participate!

GEORGIE'S GOSSIP COLUMN

Well,Well, Georgie (Georgette) have you any local class gossip which you want to spread - send it to me here, care of "The Paper"
Georgie's Gossip Column
Room 338 in the Hall Building

The current social unrest in our university they say can find its answer in the little white mice - "Hey Doc" what did the mouse say today?

Hey what about you guys in the Commerce section. It's beginning to look like a city morgue over in the Norris Building at night - Life has ceased to exist. Find out more about your E.S.A. money. It's rumoured that members of the Georgian are upset with "The Paper's" Patrick Burnsme. Well, Well. Very interesting. Keep it coming Pat. Maybe the Georgian will improve or is that possible?

CORRECTION ON LAST WEEK'S EDITORIAL

Mrs. Richards of the S.G.W.U. Guidance Services pointed out that the Guidance Office is open between 5 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday nights. In effect, this means that the guidance office will be open for evening students on Tuesday nights 5:00 - 9:00; Wednesday nights 6:00 - 9:00 and on Thursday nights 6:00 - 9:00.

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SURNAME:

GIVEN NAMES:

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ACTIVITIES:

DON'T HIBERNATE -PARTICIPATE!
For replies to all activities, fill out coupon and bring to Room H331, or to the Dean of Students office, or send by mail!

Anyone interested in the following clubs? Just circle the one you wish to participate in and return.

1. Documentary film showings such as science, fine arts, music, opera and dancing.

2. Outdoors Club doing open hikes of a one day duration at beauty spots around Montreal. Also, possible weekend trips.

3. A Social Committee to arrange parties for students and family Xmas etc. Also dances etc.